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In re Patent Application of
KIMURA, Y. et al.
Serial No. 10/810,847
Filed: March 29, 2004
Title: WELDING SHIELD GAS AND WELDING METHOD



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Total effective claims after amendment	11	minus highest number	
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	2	minus highest number	
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\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee
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Assignment Recording Fee
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 21, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows: